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MEMORANDUM FOR: SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE
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Subject: IAC Agenda - Medical Intelligence

1. The Secretary of Defense has requested CIA to study the handling of Medical Intelligence on a centralized basis. I should like to discuss this at the next IAC Meeting on Friday, 18 March.

2. It is thought that this subject, which was first considered by CIA with IAC representatives many months ago, can now be taken care of in CIA's new Office of Scientific Intelligence in conjunction with officers of the three Armed Services.

3. Information of this nature already being collected by State and the U. S. Public Health Service will be utilized as well as material from the Armed Services and CIA. The end product will be made available to all IAC Members.

4. It is thought that this service can be operated in CIA by mutual agreement among the IAC Members, somewhat along the following lines:

To implement effectively the centralization and to achieve best coordination and liaison between Medical Branch, Office of Scientific Intelligence, and the medical officers of the principal using agencies, it is requested that a medical officer from each of the three military departments be detailed to the Office of Scientific Intelligence, CIA.

It will be the duty of the officers selected who will form the nucleus of CIA's Medical Branch to:

a. Prepare requirements for guiding the collection of medical intelligence information.

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b. Evaluate the information received and produce intelligence therefrom.

c. Assemble and transmit from CIA files information needed by the medical intelligence officers of the respective agencies.

d. Maintain contact with the respective principals and acquaint them with all matters of current importance.

The Office of Scientific Intelligence, CIA, will be responsible for the administrative and operational control of the work of these officers.

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